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**CHERYL SHARP APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CHRO**

**Hartford** – The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities announced today that Attorney Cheryl Sharp has been appointed as its new deputy director. The Commissioners of the nation's first state-sponsored civil rights agency voted unanimously to appoint Sharp, a 21 year veteran of the agency. The search committee led by Executive Director Tanya Hughes felt that Sharp's contributions to CHRO made her the smartest choice for the agency at this time.

"Attorney Sharp brings a wealth of experience to a role that is critical in our continued efforts to be an even more effective and efficient organization," stated Commission Chairman Gary Collins. "Moreover, Attorney Sharp's unparalleled commitment to Civil rights will help keep us focused on our prime directive to eliminate discriminations in all its form."

Sharp has most recently served as a Human Rights Attorney III in CHRO's Legal Division, where she represents the State of Connecticut in the prosecution of a wide range of employment, housing and public accommodation discrimination complaints. In addition to those responsibilities, Sharp oversees the Commission's education and outreach program. She has previously served as the interim Deputy Director for Enforcement and interim Regional Manager. She began at CHRO as a law clerk and initiated the Kids Speak and Kids Court program which she manages to this day.

"I am humbled by this appointment and look forward to continuing to work with Executive Director Tanya Hughes and Chairman Collins who have brought vision and energy to CHRO." Sharp said, "This position will provide me with a platform to continue to raise awareness of about civil rights in Connecticut."

Hughes added, "Together we have made significant progress. I look forward to continued improvements to our processes."

Sharp is a licensed attorney in Connecticut and New York. She holds undergraduate degrees in History and Theater from Wesleyan University, an MS in Human Resources from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a JD from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Sharp has also attended the Women's Campaign School at Yale University.

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